

# Overview of High-Interest IT Bills from 83R

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# Overview of High-Interest IT Bills from 83R

## Bills affecting IT and next steps to implement legislation

- Legislation that will result in changes to rules
- The new Texas.gov services for SB 279 and HB 1128
- Changes to Texas cybersecurity standards and agency program reporting, as well as supporting cybersecurity frameworks enabled by new bills
- The Bulk Purchase program in the Cooperative Contracts program and efforts underway to coordinate IT computer replacements to achieve additional cost savings

# Technology Legislation Web Page

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the "Technology Bills - 83rd Legislature" page on the DIR website. The URL is [www.dir.texas.gov/management/initiatives/Pages/tech-legislation-83rd.aspx](http://www.dir.texas.gov/management/initiatives/Pages/tech-legislation-83rd.aspx). The page features a navigation bar with links: Home, Co-op Contracts, Texas.gov, Security, Data Center, Telecom, IT Leadership, About DIR, and Contact Us. A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the navigation bar is a banner for "IT Leadership Technology Driven Value" with a photo of three people. The main content area is titled "Technology Bills - 83rd Legislature" and includes a "QUICK LINKS" section with links to "High-Interest Bills/Initiatives", "Other Technology Bills", and "Complete List of Bills". The text explains that DIR tracks legislation related to technology from the 83rd Legislative Session (2013) and lists bills passed into law. It also provides a list of components for each bill: Subject, DIR Action, and Agency Action. A sidebar on the left contains links to "Strategic Planning and Reporting", "IRM Resources", "Statewide EIR Accessibility", "Statewide Project Delivery", "Technology Legislation", and "Legacy Systems Study". At the bottom, there is a table titled "Technology Legislation of High Interest to Agencies" with columns for Bill/Author, Subject, DIR Action, and Other State Agencies' Action.

**Technology Bills - 83rd Legislature**

QUICK LINKS: [High-Interest Bills/Initiatives](#) | [Other Technology Bills](#) | [Complete List of Bills](#)

DIR tracks legislation related to technology from the 83rd Legislative Session (2013) and lists below the bills passed into law. Some bills have directives specific to DIR and some have broad implications to the state in general.

The following components may be included for each bill:

- Subject - Summarizes legislative directives as stated in the enrolled bill text.
- DIR Action - Outlines high-level actions DIR is taking in implementation.
- Agency Action - Highlights actions by agencies/institutions needed to implement bills.

If you would like additional information on any legislation or want to participate in a workgroup for a bill that includes stakeholder engagement, please contact [Amy Baillargeon](#), Governmental Relations, 512-936-9851.

View complete information about each bill at the [Texas Legislature Online](#).

**Technology Legislation of High Interest to Agencies**

Bill/Author	Subject	DIR Action	Other State Agencies' Action
HB 1128 Herrero	<i>Posting Cost-Efficiency Ideas and Suggestions</i>  Requires DIR to establish procedures and required formats for posting suggestions	Draft Rule to TAC 209  DIR Board approved Rule to post on Texas Register for public comment	In the interim, agencies should explore a means of gathering employee suggestions on their internal intranet or website. Agencies can currently post suggestions to the <a href="#">Get Satisfaction site</a> on Texas.gov for public comment and voting

# Rule Changes

- **TAC 201 – General Administration**
  - HB 2472 (Sunset) and HB 3648
- **TAC 206 – State Websites**
  - HB 1128 and SB 279
- **TAC 209 – Standards For Meetings Held By Videoconference**
  - HB 2414 and SB 984
- **TAC 212 – Purchases of Commodity Items**
  - HB 1994



# Rule Changes

## TAC 201 – General Administration

- **HB 2472 Sunset bill**
  - Formalizes the DIR Customer Advisory Committee
- **HB 3648**
  - Internal DIR Board procedures
  - Develops DIR agency strategy and direction
- **State Strategic Plan Advisory Committee membership**

# Rule Changes

## TAC 206 – State Websites

- **HB 1128**

- Effects agencies with 1,500+ employees
- Suggestions for cost savings
- Public may monitor and vote

- **SB 279**

- Provide link to Texas.gov of state agency and higher ed.  
“High Value Datasets”

# Rule Changes

## **TAC 209 – Minimum Standards For Meetings Held By Videoconference**

- **HB 2414 and SB 984**
  - Allows a Board/Commission to formally meet through videoconferencing
- **Rule refers to Videoconferencing Guidelines**
- **OAG's 2014 Open Meetings Act Handbook**
  - OAG's website > Open Government > Publications



# Rule Changes

## TAC 212 – Purchases of Commodity Items

- **HB 1994**

- Allows purchasing from local government cooperatives
- DIR certification process

# TEXAS.GOV

# Senate Bill 279 – High Value Datasets

- Agencies submit through the Texas.gov website
- Datasets go through a review process
- Datasets posted to the Texas.gov site within 10 days
  - ▶ <http://www.texas.gov/en/Connect/Pages/open-data.aspx>
- Related Information
  - ▶ Open data platform pilot
  - ▶ Agencies can upload datasets for public use
  - ▶ Socrata is open data platform used in the pilot

# House Bill 1128

## Texas.gov Agency Cost Effectiveness Suggestion Box

- HB1128 requires State agencies with 1,500+ employees to implement an online suggestion box to receive employee suggestions for improving agency efficiency.
- Texas.gov proposes to leverage existing Get Satisfaction tool
- Includes configuration and monitoring of online suggestions and public comments
- Solution supports TAC 206 draft rule
- Service available to all agencies
- \$2500 annual administration fee

# CYBERSECURITY

# Senate Bill 1134

## • **DIR Duties Relating to Cybersecurity**

- Develop strategies and a framework for:
  - ▶ Securing state agency cyber-infrastructure and critical infrastructure
  - ▶ Cybersecurity risk assessment and mitigation planning
  - ▶ Provide assistance to state agencies related to strategies and framework
- Develop and provide training to state agencies on cybersecurity measures and awareness
- Promote public awareness of cybersecurity issues



# Senate Bill 1597

## • **Agency Information Security Plans**

- Develop and update an information security plan for protecting the security of the agency's information
- Consider vulnerabilities and incorporate network security services provided by DIR
- Identify and define the responsibilities of agency staff with functions related to the agency's information
- Identify risk management and other measures taken to protect agency information
- Provide plan to DIR by 10/15 of even-numbered years

# **BULK PURCHASE**

## Rider Number 9.04

The 83rd Legislature—in Senate Bill 1, Rider 9.04—requires DIR to coordinate IT computer replacements to achieve additional cost savings through a coordinated bulk purchase and report to the legislature by October 1, 2014. The rider specifies 14 state agencies to participate in this bulk purchase initiative.

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- **DIR surveyed all 14 agencies to determine their desktop and laptop needs, including:**
  - Volume needed
  - Configurations and specifications required
- **Quick Buy was initiated on October 31<sup>st</sup> with 6 agencies participating.**
- **Depending on agencies' needs, DIR anticipates performing semi-annual or quarterly bulk purchases.**
- **DIR was able to negotiate significant savings on more than 9,000 desktop computers and 600 notebook computers.**

## Rider Number 9.04

- **Schedules for upcoming Bulk Purchases will be announced on the DIR website and in the ITSOURCING email Weekly Digest.**
- **In order to sign up to receive the weekly digest, government employees need to complete the subscription form located at <http://lists.state.tx.us/mailman/listinfo/itsourcing> (use your work email address).**

# Additional Information

**This section may contain additional information beyond the core presentation, such as**

- ▶ announcements made during the session
- ▶ resources shared by attendees or presenters
- ▶ specific questions/answers that may be of general interest



# DIR Events and Discussion Lists

- Visit the DIR Calendar of Events to view upcoming events and access more details.

[www.dir.texas.gov](http://www.dir.texas.gov) >> see link in bottom right corner

- From the Calendar page, click on Collaboration.

DIR hosts several discussion lists open to government personnel. Announcements of most upcoming events are emailed to all IRMs and posted on DIRTECH and DIRTRAIN.

- ▶ DIRTECH – any government staff interested in IT issues (600+ members)
- ▶ DIRTRAIN – those involved in coordination/delivery of training (600+ members)
- ▶ TX-PM – those interested in project management
- ▶ App-Dev – those involved in TASSCC SIG or interested in application development
- ▶ ITSOURCING – announcements about DIR cooperative contracts

# Upcoming Events

## DIR Sponsored/Supported

<http://www.dir.texas.gov/about/calendar/Pages/Calendar.aspx>

Date	Event
Nov 21	Increase Your Organization's Agility with Service-Oriented Architecture (Webinar)
Dec 04	DIR's Project Management Practice – PM Lite (Full, waitlist only)
Dec 13	TASSCC State of the State
Feb 25-28 Apr 22-25	ELITE 2014 – Nominations being accepted
Mar 26	DIR Information Security Forum

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